

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

first tuning means for tuning first signals including video signals when said television signal receiver is in an on mode;

second tuning means for tuning second signals including emergency alert signals when said television signal receiver is in one of said on mode and an off/standby mode; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

2. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 1, wherein said second tuning means is included in a modem apparatus.

3. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 2, wherein said modem apparatus is internal to said television signal receiver.

4. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 2, wherein said modem apparatus is external to said television signal receiver.

5. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 4, wherein said modem apparatus includes alert means for providing an alert output when said emergency alert function is activated.

6. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 5, wherein said alert means includes a visual output element.

7. (Original) The television signal receiver of claim 5, wherein said alert means includes an aural output element.

8. (Previously Amended) A method for controlling a television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising: enabling a first tuner to tune first signals including

video signals when said television signal receiver is in an on mode;
enabling a second tuner to tune second signals including emergency alert signals when said television signal receiver is in one of said on mode and an off/standby mode; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said second tuner is included in a modem apparatus.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said modem apparatus is internal to said television signal receiver.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said modem apparatus is external to said television signal receiver.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprised of providing an alert output via an alert system of said modem apparatus when said emergency alert function is activated.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said alert output includes a visual output.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said alert output includes an aural output.

15. (Withdrawn) A modem apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a modulator operative to modulate upstream signals provided to a network;

a demodulator operative to demodulate downstream signals provided from said network, said downstream signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; an alert system operative to provide an alert output when said emergency alert function is activated; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

16. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 15, wherein said alert system includes a visual output element.

17. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 15, wherein said alert system includes an aural output element.

18. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 15, wherein said network includes a cable network.

19. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 15, wherein said network includes a DSL network.

20. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 15, wherein:
said modem apparatus is operatively coupled to an external device; and

said external device provides a second alert output when said emergency alert function is activated.

21. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 20, wherein said external device includes a television signal receiver.

22. (Withdrawn) The modem apparatus of claim 20, wherein said external device includes a computer.